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## Addenda

Considerable extra work is being done at the cemetery this week, catching up with the mowing and trying to get the place in shape for fertilizing and seeding with rye grass. You know, toward the end of the summer it gets to be more than one man can handle, and Vance Wiggins and the town crew are furnishing a little extra help. The cemetery fund is furnishing the equipment and supplies there, and will buy the seed and fertilizer needed to get it right for the next season. Your contribution could be used if you haven't made one in the last year or so. Just make your check to "News-Journal Cemetery Fund," and mail.

Handsome badges for members of the Hoke High Booster Club came last week and were distributed at the game Friday night. They were being worn proudly before the night was over.

The Hamlet sports writer who picked Rockingham over Hoke High by 39 points and Lumberton over Laurinburg by about the same margin really had some backing up to do in Tuesday's paper. The Laurinburg-Lumberton game was a tie, too. In his explanation he says "the Rockingham Rockets are not as mighty as believed as first. Actually, the Big Rocks were lucky to get off with a tie when they played Coach Floyd Wilson's fired-up Raeford team Friday night."

The writer, Kirk Kirkley, ranks the District IV teams Rockingham, Wadesboro, Hoke High, Hamlet, Lumberton, Sanford and Laurinburg.

Pat & Kettle Dept. Charles Hostetter bidding back to Phaul at the Duke's for the supper, to the effect that he was happy to see him doing some work.

Bill Crowl says a good way to get your name in the paper is to cross the street reading one.

Only notices of gatherings we have received so far are for Centre Presbyterian Church, which is next Thursday, October 1, at noon, and for Rex Presbyterian Church, which is on Wednesday, October 14, from 5:00 until 8:00 o'clock. The public is invited to these church benefits, the food is always good and plentiful, and there is usually a sale of farm produce, canned goods, handiwork and the like. Thing most folks enjoy most is the chance to renew old acquaintances and make new ones.

Mrs. Eunice McKeithan Mottley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. A. McKeithan of Route two, has been appointed Home Demonstration Agent for Prince Edward County (Farmville), Virginia, and is to start work October 1. Mrs. Mottley graduated in 1943 from East Carolina College, taught school in Duplin County for two years, and has lived near Burkville, Va., since her marriage in 1945. She and Mr. Mottley have three sons and a daughter. She served as Home Demonstration Agent in Nottoway County, Va., from 1948 to 1951.

Interesting letter this week from Rear Admiral Alex Patterson, USN Retired, Hoke County man who is now public records examiner with the N. C. Department of Archives and History. The Admiral's letter offers convincing proof of the need for a history of Hoke County before all first hand knowledge of its beginning is gone. He points out that a systematic recording of the facts of the area and its people now available will be an invaluable contribution in years to come "not only to the history and culture of the county, but to the State of North Carolina as well."

Admiral Patterson is so right, and what we need is a county or sectional historical society to get on the job. I believe it would be much more fun than you might at first think, and I will mention it again in more detail.

A couple of points in the traffic point system will bear explanation. First, they don't intend to take a license for a group of low-point offenses on the same occasion. In this case just the points for the offense with the largest number will be recorded instead of adding them up. Speeding over 55 is included at three points and can be added to others to make the 12 (Continued on Page 8)



Mayor Alfred Cole presents gift to Powell at banquet.

## Honor Luke Powell At Supper Friday

Luther M. "Luke" Powell, State Highway Commission maintenance supervisor for Hoke County, was honored at a testimonial dinner at the Hoke High School cafeteria Friday night.

The dinner was given by the county commissioners, the town commissioners, the county board of education, town and county officials and school committees, and was presided over by Chairman Dr. Julius Jordan of the county board of education.

The brief program consisted of recognition of Powell's long and outstanding service in building and improving the roads of the county and town first by T. C. Johnson, Eighth Division engineer, who spoke of his outstanding work during the 18 years he had worked with him.

Forrest Lockey, Raeford native and former highway commissioner of the Eighth Division, spoke of Powell's fine service and outstanding character.

J. L. McNeill, speaking on behalf of the citizens of the community, praised Powell's performance through the years, and the way he had always been available and ready to do all he could for the people of the town and county.

The planned program was concluded with eloquent and well chosen words of praise by Mayor Alfred Cole for Powell's service to the town, county and state, and for his outstanding character.

Mayor Cole made the presentation to Powell of a Hamilton wrist watch inscribed "1959—Luke Powell, from the citizens of Hoke County."

Sheriff D. H. Hodgins with an anecdote of their youth at the North Carolina Military Academy added a light note to the occasion, followed by Former Superintendent K. A. MacDonald, who told Powell he could certainly recommend retirement after having greatly enjoyed two

months of it. Vance Wiggins, Raeford street supervisor, thanked Powell for their fine association in the past 12 years, and H. T. Bundy, county maintenance foreman, spoke of the pleasure he felt in more than 30 years of working with Powell.

Also present were Sam Swearingin, Aberdeen district engineer, and Henry Jordan, assistant division engineer.

In retiring October 1, Powell will be following a policy laid down by the State Highway Commission this year under which all employees will be retired at the end of the year in which their 65th birthday falls.

He will bring to a conclusion a career started with mules and drags and prisoners in Robeson County more than 31 years ago, as he became county road superintendent there in 1928. A native of Red Springs he has

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## Powell Bill Allots \$11,157 To Raeford

Powell Bill money representing one-half of the state's six-cents per gallon tax on gasoline and totalling \$6,706,092.58 will go to 408 incorporated towns and cities this year and checks for the money will be mailed October 1.

The town of Raeford will receive \$11,157.59 from the tax funds. This amount was allocated on the basis of the 1950 population figure of 2,030.

Powell Bill funds are used for non-highway street improvements. Towns and cities have been receiving these funds since 1951 when the first allocation was \$4,543,096.20. This sum has increased year by year and this year amounts to \$6,766,092.58. The first number of municipalities participating was 386; the figure now is 408.

## Hold Area Meeting On Highway Safety

### Pomona Installs New Officers At Grange Meeting

Ashmont, Blue Springs, and Wayside, the three Granges in Hoke County, met together at Bethel Church recently.

Halley Blythe, master of the host Grange, opened the meeting and presented Hartford Bridgeman of Lumberton who swore in the new officers.

Following the installation of the recently-elected officers, the meeting was closed and immediately opened at the meeting of the Pomona Grange. Presiding was Master Fred Johnson.

Bridgeman, a district deputy, swore in new officers of the Pomona. They are: Glenn Wood, overseer; Mrs. D. R. Huff, Jr., lecturer; R. M. Hooper, steward; James Nixon, assistant steward; John Flannery, chaplain; Paul Johnson, treasurer; Mrs. James Nixon, secretary; J. H. Wright, gate keeper; Mrs. Marshall Newton, Ceres; Mrs. R. M. Hooper, Pomona; Mrs. Lucy Smith, Flora.

Barbara Thompson, lady assistant steward; Halley Blythe, J. H. Plummer, and John Flannery, executive committee.

"The eyes of your fellow Grange members are upon you and they are looking to you for leadership, so you would do well to bear that in mind as you go about your daily tasks," Bridgeman stated in his brief speech to the officers as he charged them with the duties of their office.

### To Appear On TV

Manager of the ASC office, Miss Louise V. Blue, will appear on Channel 6, Wilmington television station, September 28, at 6:45 a.m. She will discuss the activities of the Agricultural and Stabilization office in Hoke County.

Alice McCleskey of Winston-Salem spent from Friday through Sunday with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Upchurch.

### Plan To Enforce Traffic Points Law

"They're doing their best to stop this slaughter," is the comment frequently heard of the N. C. Highway Patrol and evidence of their efforts to stop deaths on the highways was offered at a two-county meeting held in Laurinburg Thursday night.

More than 40 from Hoke County went to the meeting planned for officers, clerks of court, and others interested in prevention of accidents.

A discussion of the new "Point system" approved by the General Assembly and put into use in June by the Patrol was led by Sgt. C. E. Whitfield of Rockingham. Whitfield is commanding officer of the patrol's district five.

The three Hoke patrolmen, J. E. Dupree, W. T. Herbin, and E. G. Inman, were among the eight officers from the law enforcement body at the meeting.

Also present was Allen D. Wall, one of the men hired by the state to conduct the clinics for drivers who have collected as much as seven points for violations.

"You are literally driving yourself to death," said Sgt. Whitfield to the gathering of nearly 100 persons in Scotland County Courthouse. Pointing out that to date North Carolina has about 100 more fatalities than were reported for the same time last year, Whitfield reviewed the reason the "point system" was brought into use and approved by the General Assembly.

The system provides for points to be charged against a driver for certain dangerous violations of traffic laws. Such a program seeks to improve those who are dangerous to themselves and others and will remove them from the roads if the improvement is not permanent.

According to Whitfield each time a driver violates a moving traffic law the state Department of Motor Vehicles is notified and the driver's record is charged with the proper number of points.

When the total number of points reaches 12 within a two-year period, his license may be suspended.

An effort to prevent the total number reaching 12 involves the driver training clinics.

When the driver's points reach four he is sent a letter of warning. If he continues violating laws and the point count against him reaches seven he may take a course in driving technique that may help him combat poor driving habits.

If the driver successfully completes the course, three points will be removed from his record.

When a license is suspended and reinstated all points are removed and the driver has a fresh record. If he continues to drive poorly, he may be soon on the suspension list again, because after one suspension, only eight points are required for another suspension. The second suspension may last as much as six months.

Points are assigned according to (Continued on Page 8)

## Two Killed When Truck Strikes Car Early Friday

Two Hoke colored men were killed in a collision between their auto and a truck Friday morning in Moore County near the Hoke-Moore line.

Belvin Harris, 38, and Avery McLauchlin, 40, were killed when a truck belonging to a creamery company of Durham apparently ran through a stop sign and went into N.C. 211 on which the car was traveling.



Prevents Scoring — Dick Tickle, on ground, saved the day when he tackled Rockingham's Ron Tuthill, 20. The play came

in the fourth quarter of the Bucks' meet with Rockingham Friday night. Tuthill had clear running to the Bucks goal line,

when he was tackled. Others shown are Reggie Waddell, 38, and Bill Howell, 43.

## Rockingham Fights Bucks To 13-13 Tie

### Traffic Point System

- Tar Heel drivers can expect points to be added to their records if they are convicted of any of the following offenses:
- Passing stopped school bus—five points.
- Reckless driving—four.
- Hit and run, property damage only—four.
- Speeding over 55—three.
- Illegal passing—three.
- Failing to yield right of way—three.
- Running through red light—three.
- No operators license or license expired more than one year—three.
- Failure to stop for police light or siren—three.
- Driving through safety zone—three.
- Driving on wrong side of road—three.
- No liability insurance—three.
- Failure to report accident when report is required—three.
- Running through stop sign—two.
- Failure to give proper signal—two.
- Speeding in city limits—two.
- Speeding in restricted zone—two.
- All other moving violations—two.
- When a driver collects 12 points within two years, his license may be suspended.

### Big Crowd Sees Wilson's Team In Superior Effort

Coach Floyd Wilson's Hoke High Bucks surprised and delighted an estimated 2,500 screaming fans at Armory Park Friday night when they fought the highly-touted Rockingham Rockets to a frazzle and made them come from behind to gain a 13-13 tie.

The Hoke Bucks go to Sanford Friday night for a conference game. On Friday night of next week the Bucks will entertain the Stedman team here at Armory Park in a non-conference battle. The following Friday night, October 9, Laurinburg, which tied Lumberton last week, will come to Raeford for the Hoke High Homecoming game, a conference contest. Last home game on the schedule will be against Seventy-First on October 30.

## Judge Sentences Whiskey Makers

The case of Eddie Locklear, Indian, and Carl Boahn, white, was disposed of in the Tuesday session of Hoke Recorder's Court.

Both were found by rural police officers September 3 near a still located about 100 yards from Locklear's house in McLauchlin township. Officers found them near one still and then located another on the other side of Locklear's house.

Charged with possession of a complete distillery and the manufacturing of whiskey, Locklear offered no defense. He was sentenced to six months on the roads; the sentence is to be suspended on payment of \$25, the costs of court, and two still fees.

He offered no defense to the charge of possession of illegal whiskey. On this charge, he was sentenced to six months on the roads, that to be suspended on the payment of \$25 and the costs.

Since Boahn is only 15, his case was remanded by Judge Harry Greene to juvenile court.

Alex Campbell, colored, was charged with possession of a distillery for the purpose of manufacturing whiskey. He pled guilty and a sentence of 18 months on the roads was to be suspended on the payment of \$100, costs of court, and the still fee.

Mary Lilly Graham, colored, pled guilty of driving while under the influence of liquor. For this she was sentenced to six months in prison, the sentence to be suspended on payment of \$100 and the costs.

In an accompanying case, she pled guilty of failing to have registration card and liability insurance. She was sentenced to six months in Woman's Prison, that to be suspended on payment of \$40 and the costs.

Lucile Faircloth Merritt, white, pled guilty of speeding 65 in a 55 mph zone. Judgment was suspended on payment of costs.

John Pryor, white, was found guilty of driving without operator's license. He was sentenced to one week in jail and ordered to pay costs.

James McLean, colored, was found guilty of non-support and sentenced to twelve months on the roads. Sentence was to be suspended on condition that he pay \$30 twice a month for his children and the costs of court.

James Clayton Long, white, of Fayetteville, pled guilty of having improper lights. Judgment was to be suspended on payment of costs.

Walter Barefoot, white, pled guilty of having no operator's license and was found guilty of driving under the influence of liquor (third offense), and having improper brakes. He was sentenced to two years on the roads.

In a companion case, Barefoot pled guilty of having no liability insurance and was found guilty of possession of illegal (Continued on Page 8)

### Banquet To Honor Former Hoke Man On His Retirement

Several Hoke citizens will go to Raleigh Friday evening for a banquet honoring E. B. Garrett who is retiring after serving some years as state conservationist of the Soil Conservation Service. He was for several years farm manager of the N. C. Sanatorium at McCain.

Among those planning to attend are Mr. and Mrs. N. H. G. Balfour, Mr. and Mrs. Furman Clark, R. E. Neeley, N. F. Sinclair and R. D. Strother. The dinner is to be held at N. C. State College Union Building.



Open To Traffic — Kicking up a cloud of dust, a big transfer truck speeds across the bridge over Rockfish Creek on U.S. 401 bypass Friday minutes after the

road was opened to traffic. Truck shown was the first one to cross the bridge; the first automobile to cross it after it was re-opened was driven by James Hurst of

Raeford. The bypass was opened at 11:50 Friday morning after having been closed for several months while the new bridge was constructed.